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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Theo T. Nikiforov, et al.

Application No.: 09/854,417

Filed: May 11, 2001

For: DETECTION OF NUCLEIC ACID
HYBRIDIZATION BY FLUORESCENCE
POLARIZATION

Examiner: Jeffrey Siew

Art Unit: 1637

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE
ACTION - EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
REQUESTED

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action of March 25, 2003 and the telephonic Examiner Interviews of May 29, 2003 and June 4, 2003. Applicants undersigned attorney thanks the Examiner for the courteous and productive Interviews. The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) Terminal Disclaimer;
- 2) Fee Transmittal; and,
- 3) Transmittal Sheet.

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims by substituting the following claims for the corresponding previously pending claims of the same number(s):